THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) The number of people who were affected due to rabies in Kerala during the years 1984, 1985 and 1986 is 826, 7660 and 2065 respectively. The above figures are generally in respect of patients treated in medical institutions only.

(b) Government has no information about the reported large scale increase in rabies incidents recently.

(c) Does not arise.

Telephone subscribers in Orissa

3783. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) What was the total number of telephone subscribers in Orissa during each of the last three years;

(b) the number of applications for new telephone connections in Orissa are pending at present;

(c) What are the criteria of sanctioning of new telephone connection to an applicant; and

(d) by when these pending applications are likely to be disposed of by giving connections?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHANDEV): (a) It was 34887 during 1984-85, 38050 during 1985-86 and 41197 during 1986-87.

(b) The number of subscribers waiting for new telephone connections is 5854 as on 30-6-1987.

(c) Permanent telephone connections to applicants in the waiting list are sanctioned as per the fixed percentages under various categories when exchange capacity become available.

(d) By the end of Seventh Five Year Plan, it has been proposed to provide telephone connections to those applicants who have registered upto 1-4-87 in exchange systems of capacity 2000 lines or above; upto 1-4-88 in medium size exchange systems and upto 1-4-90 in rural exchanges.

Introduction of air service between Calcutta-Bhubaneswar-Madras

3784. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to introduce new Air Service between Calcutta-Bhubaneswar-Madras in view of traffic potentiality due to increased industrial and commercial activities at Bhubaneswar and nearby areas; and

(b) if so, when the new service is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Disparity among teching specialists and non teaching specialists in C.H.S.

3785. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the dissatisfaction among the teaching specialists of the Central Health Services who despite better qualifications, longer experience and more strenuous duties are placed at a disadvantage vis-a-vis non teaching specialists; and